

# DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Capital: Colombo

## GEODATA

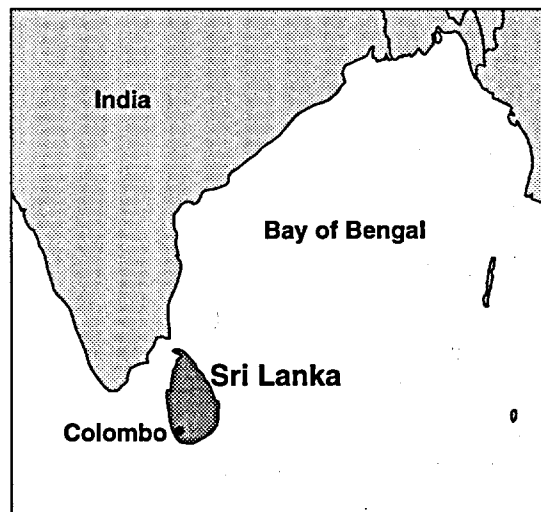
**Area**  
65,610 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
17.85 million (1994)

**Population growth**  
1.3% (1994)

**Major languages**  
Sinhala (official), Tamil, English

**Major religions**  
Buddhist (69%), Hindu (15%), Christian (8%),  
Muslim (8%)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of Government**  
Presidential democracy

**Leaders**  
President D. B. Wijetunge  
Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Lakshman Kadirgamar

**Democratic Institutions**  
Unicameral house

**UN Human Development Index**  
Sri Lanka ranks 97th among 174 countries

## CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$10.89 billion US (1994)

**GDP growth rate**  
5.5% (1994)

**GDP per capita**  
\$610 US (1994)

**Main Exports**  
Tea, textiles, coconut, rubber, gems and jewellery, petroleum  
products and marine products

**Main Imports**  
Petroleum, machinery, equipment, textiles, wheat,  
transportation equipment, electrical machinery, sugar and rice

**Main Exports to Canada**  
\$67.6 million (1994), including apparel and clothing, rubber,  
tea and ceramic products

**Main Imports from Canada**  
\$15.7 million (1994), including electrical machinery,  
equipment, printed books, newsprint, salt, sulphur and lime

**Canadian bilateral assistance**  
\$43.84 million (1993-1994)